

REMARKS

Amendments to claims 1, 9, and 15 are to make explicit of what were already inherent in the claims. Amendments to claims 7 and 21 are for the purpose of clarifying what Applicant regards as the invention. No new matter has been added.

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for his courtesy in conducting the telephonic interview, and for provisionally allowing the application. During the telephonic interview, it was agreed upon that the foregoing amendments to claims 1, 9, and 15 would overcome the rejections made in the Office Action dated August 6, 2004, and place the application in condition for allowance.

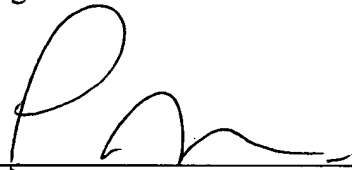
CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing, all claims are believed allowable, and an allowance of the claims is respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions or comments, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the number listed below.

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